



# Westfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this year gone? We have come to the end of another busy and activity-packed academic year. This is the time we look back with pride, and at the same time sadness, as we say goodbye to our year 6's. As they move schools, we hope they take away a love of learning that our caring and hard-working staff have strived to instil in every child.

The attached "Wonderful Westfield" letter highlights many of the amazing opportunities and experiences that the children have had over the year. There have been courses and events for parents and carers, along with promoting support services, which we hope have been of assistance to families. There was also a full agenda of fun events run by the Friends of Westfield. These events bring our community together but also bring in funds to the school that are re-invested in our children. Thank you so much to Rachel and her team!

As we look back to 2023-24, there are many things to celebrate, and we are very pleased and grateful to welcome our new collaboration with Hoe Bridge School and ACS International Schools with the aim of enhancing the educational opportunities for the children. These have included workshops, a farm trip and activities days for year 6 at Hoe Bridge and ACS and have been hugely enjoyed by the children, and extremely helpful to the school budget, especially the inclusion of free transportation. We hope to grow these partnership activities, alongside other new initiatives, such as the launch this year of the Volunteer Reading program in Year 3. Again our thanks to the volunteers who make this possible.

We will continue to endeavour to find creative ways to ensure we improve the educational outcomes of each and every one of our children; making school life enjoyable and allowing them to develop their own confidence and self-esteem. As governors, it is always wonderful to spend time in school and to see how happy the children are.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hing and all the staff at Westfield Primary for all their incredibly hard efforts and dedication in making Westfield the fantastic school that it is. As governors, we feel very proud of our school community and are very much looking forward to an exciting, successful 2024-2025 and welcoming our new reception children.

Last, but by no means least, an enormous thank you to you as parents for your continued support and encouragement, it is so incredibly important to us to work together for the success and happiness of your children. Thank you!

We wish you and your families a well-deserved and enjoyable summer break and very much look forward to seeing you again in September.

With warm regards,

Westfield School Governors

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# WONDERFUL WESTFIELD!

## These are some of the things that have been happening at Westfield Primary School this year, 2023 - 2024:

There have been so many wonderful activities that have happened this year and we want to celebrate them - and as you will see, a lot has been happening!

During this year pupils have had so many opportunities to experience and participate in a wide range of events - scientific, sporting, and cultural. We've had trips out, visitors in, workshops covering different aspects of the curriculum, it has been a fabulous year! Below are some of the highlights for each term:

### Autumn Term 2023:

- Diversity week - whole school. Focus on artists from around the world. Whole school displays based on this
- Superhero dress up and themed day - Year 2
- Let's Read working with Year 2 children on a weekly basis
- Intergenerational link - Year 3 and Mayford Grange retirement village
- Charity shoebox appeal
- Stone Age dress up and themed day - Year 4
- Marked National Fitness Day - 10 at 10
- Ancient Egypt dress up and themed day - Year 3
- Class assemblies - all live with parents attending
- Visit from Paralympian, Nerys Pearce - workshops
- Aim High writing workshops - Year 5 and 6 and visiting schools
- Celebrated World Smile Day - assembly and acts of kindness challenge
- #hello yellow day (celebrating World Mental Health Day) - wearing yellow to school, assembly, singing and recording a song, feeding back on acts of kindness challenge
- WW2 workshops - Year 6
- Wellbeing Wednesday - parents and children exploring how they can support wellbeing at home
- 'Restart a heart' workshop, provided by the Air Ambulance, for Years 5 and 6
- Evacuee day for Year 6 (dress up and themed day)
- Harvest Assemblies to parents (KS1 and KS2 assemblies)
- Motivational workshops - Year 6
- Open evening for the school and local community
- Anti-bullying week (incorporating International Kindness Day) - workshops (KS2) and performance (KS1)
- G Force Martial Arts workshops for Years 4 to 6 (part of Anti-bullying week)
- Year 3 trip to Pizza Express

- Can Bears Ski? - theatre performance for Years 1 and 2
- Aim High maths workshops - Year 5 and 6 and visiting schools
- Year 5 trip to National Justice Museum (court/law experience)
- Magic Show on stranger danger for Years R to 2
- Year 1 stay and read with parents/carers
- Year 6 Dodge ball event
- Christmas jumper days
- Opportunity to make a Christmas card for every household in Mayford Grange, for wellbeing and to help combat holiday loneliness
- School Christmas fair
- Engage Christmas assemblies - in Key Stages
- Christmas assemblies/performances to parents (Years R to 5)
- Christingle service to parents - Year 6
- Pantomime performance for the whole school: Jack & the Beanstalk
- Choir singing to the residents of Mayford Grange (retirement village)
- Christmas online brush party
- Christmas lunch and Christmas parties
- Christmas Cracker events - KS2
- Carols around the Christmas tree

#### **Spring Term 2024:**

- Intergenerational link - Year 3 and Mayford Grange retirement village. Visits every two weeks on a Friday afternoon
- Year 1 and 2 'Stay & Read'
- Class assemblies -parents/carers attending
- Dance 4 All workshops for Reception and KS1
- Let's Read working with Year 2 children on a weekly basis
- Aim High Maths workshops - Year 3 and 4 and visiting schools
- Year 6 Grecian dress up day
- Writing week - 'Take One Picture' theme - creating great displays of writing and art based round each year groups' allocated picture
- Children's mental health week - theme: My voice matters. Including assembly, workshops, dress up day, collaborative art work and loads of fun activities to promote a greater understanding of mental health and for children to understand how they are heard and why it is important they are heard
- Introduction of 2 new 'suggestion boxes' during CMHW - another way for children's voices to be heard at Westfield
- Dress up day for children's mental health week - theme: Express yourself
- Delight project with Year 4: Rainforest Retreat - art-based project
- Coram mental wellbeing workshops for Years 1 and 3 (as part of Children's Mental Health Week)
- Year 5 & 6 group orienteering at Hoe Bridge School
- Girlguiding World Thinking Day - supported in school

- Chicks in Year R - they arrive as eggs and leave as bigger chicks!
- Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
- Year 5 trip to the Houses of Parliament
- Book week - based around high quality picture books
- Dress up day for World Book Day
- Surrey Youth Games assembly
- Outdoor Maths day - including teacher run Lego workshops
- Year 1 group taking part in Sportshall Athletics at the Guildford Spectrum
- Millers Ark farm visit to Year R
- Empathy week assemblies shared, theme: Home
- Aim High writing workshop for Year 3 and 4 and visiting schools
- Year 5 & 6 group taking part in Science workshops at Hoe Bridge school
- Easter Brush Party - creating a painting of a sheep
- A team from Years 5 and 6 took part in an online quiz against 10 other schools, and came first!
- Surrey cricket coaching for Years 3, 5 and 6
- Wellbeing Wednesday - parents and children exploring how they can support wellbeing at home
- Annual Wellbeing Week - based around the 5 ways to wellbeing - including a 'pyjama/leisure wear' dress up day, assembly, workshops, poster competition and loads more fantastic activities!
- Urban Strides workshops for Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 (as part of the Wellbeing Week)
- Performance at the Rhoda McGaw theatre with Dance Woking: School Slam Dance
- Easter assemblies to parents

#### **Summer term 2024:**

- Life Bus workshops for all classes - in their bespoke learning environment
- Year 3 Tudor dress up day
- Year 5/6 tag rugby event at Pirbright
- Bikeability for Year 4
- Year 3 continued their visits to Mayford Grange creating intergenerational connections
- KS2 assembly from Chartwells on food waste and subsequent design/drawing competition
- Year 4 completed their Rainforest Retreat art project with Delight and held an exhibition for parents in the Pod
- Year 5 Viking day
- Let's Read working with Year 2 children on a weekly basis
- Archery workshops for KS1
- Kidditch workshops for KS2
- Year 4 Cardinals football tournament
- Year 3 trip to the Winchester Science Centre
- Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
- Year 5/6 cross country event
- Year 5/6 Tag Rugby event

- Creative curriculum week: theme: Science of the summer Olympics
- Author, David Fuller, visited KS2 classes
- Year 2 trip to Brooklands Museum
- Aim High writing workshop for Year 2 and visiting schools
- Year 6 Science week culminating with a Science Fair for KS2
- Sports Day events for every year group
- Brush parties (art/painting events) for parents/carers and their children
- FOW Summer Fair
- Wellbeing Wednesday event
- Year 1 trip to the farm at ACS, Egham
- Cricket tournament at Pirbright
- Year 6 activity day at Hoe Bridge school
- Year 3/4 District Athletics event
- Year 6 activity week: bowling, swimming and inflatables, activity day at ACS, Egham (workshops: ibrick/Lego, STEM experiences with Kidwise and arts/dance/storytelling workshops), climbing wall, archery, first aid course and Glow Dodgeball!
- Choir singing at Woking Singing in the Park event
- Performances of 'Macbeth', Year 6 leavers production
- Whole school Carnival Day - including Samba dance workshops for Years 1 to 3
- Year 6 enterprise challenge week
- Year 6 BBQ

#### **Governor Volunteer Reading Programme:**

This year, we launched a reading programme for volunteers to read with the Year 3 children in the afternoons which has been very successful and will carry on in 2024/25. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who give their time to this project.

#### **Well-Being Ambassadors:**

We have 6 'Well-being ambassadors' for the school and they are in Years 5 and 6. They have attended bi-weekly meetings this year to discuss how to promote and support well-being across the school. It has been great that they have been discussing well-being with their peers and feeding back what they think can be done in school. They have been very enthusiastic about raising the profile of the 5 Ways to Well-being. We have also discussed the use of the zones of regulation and which resources would be useful to support children in the school when experiencing different emotions. This year's Well-Being Ambassadors have supported our Autumn and Spring term 'Wellbeing Wednesday' events, they have worked with the FOW to provide a 'Wellbeing Walrus' in every class, they have recently supported Mindworks in understanding mental health further and they have sent classes monthly 'Well-being Walrus tips' which help children to know how to have good well-being at school and at home.

#### **School council:**

In September, School Council representatives were appointed from each class and they quickly got started with their meetings and projects. The first major project of the year was to update the Anti-bullying Advice Booklet. The children decided that the booklet needed to be linked to the 5Rs characters and needed to be more child friendly. They worked hard to review and update the booklet and then made sure it was distributed to every classroom, to be displayed.

For Christmas, School Council organised the Shoe Box appeal again for "Link to Hope" Charity. We raised £153.80 in total. With the money raised we were able to fill 12 shoe-boxes with toiletries, candles, small toys, crayons and colouring books. The people at Link to Hope, thanked us and said that families receiving them would be most appreciative.

In the Summer term, School Council updated the Westfield Pride booklet- what we expect to see in our school, linked to our PRIDE ethos. They then had to share the booklet with their classes. They have had a busy year and achieved lots! Thank you to our School Council.

### **Friends of Westfield:**

The Friends of Westfield have had a busy year, they have continued to be very innovative and have put on some amazing events! These have included:

- Silent auctions
- Donated class gifts from Father Christmas
- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Fair
- Themed bake sales
- Discos
- Christmas cards
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Happy bags (clothing donation)
- Easter Egg tombola
- Summer fair
- Ice cream sales

They have also provided every child with an ice lolly after their sports day events and have been incredibly busy tidying and sorting our Wild Garden, including providing bird boxes and additional seating.

### **Community Links:**

Courses offered to parents, included:

- Art Workshop for parents and their child/ren in school
- Healthy cooking on a budget workshops from Foodwise
- Transition Workshops for Year 6 parents run by Mindworks

- Online parent courses and workshops such as *Managing your child's anxiety, Who's in charge*
- Mindworks have run courses for whole classes, groups of children and worked one to one with children, as has our Matthew Hackney Charity counsellor and Barnardo's.

We have worked very closely with the Family Centre to support many families this year, resulting in support with children's anxiety, housing, financial management, health and wellbeing.

We have run termly wellbeing events for parents and then parents and their children, entitled 'Wellbeing Wednesdays'. These are designed to help parents learn about ways to support their children's, and their own, wellbeing at home. We also have external visitors who can offer support in the community, and parents can find out more about them at the events. We continue to have a Food Wise freezer on our site and we can refer parents for home cooked frozen meals, to help out when times are difficult.

Brand new shoes have been provided for 14 children, plus approximately 50 shoe vouchers. We have made 8 referrals to Jigsaw for clothing and toys.

Through our close links to the Woking Food Bank, they continued to provide us with food bags (blue bags) which were available to all in our Westfield community. So far, we have given away approximately 343 blue food bags. We have made an increased number of referrals to the foodbank for individual families this year due to the financial strain that everyone is under currently.

We have continued our intergenerational link with our neighbours at Mayford Grange, the retirement village. Our Year 3 children have visited throughout the year and got to know our neighbours through chatting and playing games, doing puzzles and sharing some colouring activities.

Don't forget we have our own Twitter account! Please do check it regularly as you can find even more of the exciting activities and events we have been up to!

Our Twitter address is:

<https://twitter.com/WestfieldPri>

We are very proud of all the achievements and events this year and look forward to another exciting and successful year next year.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Westfield Primary School Staff and Governors.